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Subject: Minnesota Power's Boswell Energy Center - Meeting Notification

Hello All,

I received the following notice from HQ that I wanted to share, just an FYI there may be more of these in the near future for CCR sites. I will pass them along as I get them.

In 2015, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established a comprehensive set of federal environmental standards for the management of coal combustion residuals (CCR) generated by electric utilities and independent power producers. Among other requirements, the federal CCR regulations establish a date by which certain CCR surface impoundments (e.g., those that are considered unlined under the federal regulations) must cease receiving waste and initiate closure of the impoundment. In addition, the federal regulations allow certain facilities to continue to operate an impoundment beyond this deadline, provided the impoundment meets certain criteria and receives approval from EPA.

EPA was recently contacted by Minnesota Power about their interest in submitting a demonstration to operate its impoundment(s) beyond the federal deadlines. Specifically, Boswell Energy Center intends to seek relief under 40 C.F.R. 257.103(f)(1). EPA is sending this e-mail to make you aware that Minnesota Power has requested a meeting with EPA in October 2020 (exact date/time TBD) to discuss their demonstration for additional time to operate its impoundment(s).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kristen Hillyer at hillyer.kirsten@epa.gov and cc Susan and me.

Thanks!



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